

A
LETTER

From
The Commissioners
OF
SCOTLAND,

Representing the hard usage of the
Earle of LAUDERDAILL by the
Souldiers of the ARMY
at WOOBURN:

AND
Desiring his Majesties speedy com-
ing to LONDON in Safety, Ho-
nour, and Freedome.

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TO THE HONORABLE

THE SECRETARY OF THE

NAVY OFFICE

LONDON

My dear Sir,

I have the honor



Right Honourable,

THe Committee of Estates of the Kingdome of Scotland having sent us frequent directions since these late commotions, to give them a true account from time to time of his Majesties condition : In pursuance thereof, we desired the Earl of *Lauderdail* to repair to his Majestie at *Wooburn*, where wee expected that he should have been used with that respect which is due to a Commissioner of the Parliament of *Scotland* ; but we are herein extremely disappointed : for on Saturday morning early, before his Lordship was out

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of his bed, a great many soldiers rushed into his chamber, and coming to his bed-side, desired him speedily to be gone without any delay. He represented unto them his employment, that hee was there in the capacity of a Commissioner of *Scotland* to attend his Majesty, that he had resolved to go away that morning, and intreated he might have the liberty first to speak with his Majesty : Which they would not grant, but violently insisted, that what they demanded might forthwith be put in execution, and would not hearken to any reason he offered unto them, telling him it was past dispute, it was resolved upon what they did herein would be owned by the Army, and they would maintain it ; with other expressions of
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that kind. We do acknowledge the civility of the Commissioners of both Houses, who acted their parts in dissuading them from so unwarrantable an action, and one of the Commissioners in particular represented unto them the danger thereof, acquainting them that hee had been an Embassador abroad, and did very well understand, that this injury done by them to a Commissioner of the Parliament of *Scotland* was of a very high nature; intreating, that if they apprehended any thing from *Scotland*, the breach might not be made upon the Kingdom of *England's* part; and that they would not give just cause by this action to the kingdom of *Scotland* to make war against *England*: but no argument did prevail; so at length the Earl of *Lauder-*

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Lauderdail was forced to depart, having publicly protested before the Commissioners of both Houses, that hee was debarred from access to the King of *Scotland*, and his liberty taken from him, contrary to the Law of Nations, and a particular agreement betwixt the Kingdomes. Wee have formely represented unto the Honorable Houses, how his Majesty was carried away from *Holdenby* by a party of Sir *Thomas Fairfax* his Army (which the souldiers before mentioned did on Saturday last before the Earl of *Lauderdail* and some of the Commissioners of both Houses, own to be the act of the whole Souldiery of the Army). Wee did likewise acquaint the Houses how our Letters to *Scotland* were intercepted by some of that Army.

Army. And now to compleat these injuries, they offered violence to a Commissioner of the Parliament of *Scotland*, debarred him from access to his Majesty, deprived him of his liberty, and drove him away; so that there remains no hope that there can be any application made hereafter to his Majesty from the Kingdom of *Scotland*: Nor can we be able to give that account of his Majesties condition to that Kingdom, which is expected from us, so long as he is in the power of that Army. Wherefore we do desire that the Houses of Parliament will in their wisdom take such course herein, as reparation may be made to the Kingdom of *Scotland* of these multiplied injuries, and especially of the last, done against the person of a publick

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lick Minister of the Kingdom of Scotland in so violent a manner. And to the end there may be a free and unrestrained application to his Majestie from the Parliaments of both Kingdoms: we do earnestly desire the honourable Houses to invite his Majesty to come to *London*: And to declare that he shall be here in safety, honour and freedome, then which we see no other probable mean for the present to obtain a safe and well grounded Peace: And so we rest

*Worcester-House the
1 of August, 1647.*

Your Lordships humble Servants,

*For the Right Honourable the
Speaker of the House of Peers
pro tempore.*

*Lauderdail,
Charles Erskine,
Hugh Kennedy,
Ro. Barclay.*

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